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The Honorable David B. Albo
Chairman, House Courts of Justice Committee
General Assembly Building, Room 529
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The Honorable Henry L. Marsh III
Chairman, Senate Courts of Justice Committee
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The Honorable Lacey E. Putney
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Charles J. Colgan
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
General Assembly Building, Room 626
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Dear Mr. Chairmen:

The provisions of Item 30 D of the Appropriations Act (Chapter 4 of the Acts of Assembly 2006, Special Session I) provide that "the Judicial Council and the Committee on District Courts are requested to submit a fiscal impact assessment of their recommendations for the creation of any new judgeships, including the cost of judicial retirement, to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Courts of Justice, and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees." The Judicial Council recommends the authorization of six new

circuit court judgeships (one each in the Tenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth Judicial Circuits) effective July 1, 2008. The Committee on District Courts recommends the authorization of four new general district court judgeships (one each in the Second, Eleventh, Fifteenth and Twenty-sixth Judicial Districts), and six new juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeships (one each in the First, Eleventh, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Judicial Districts) effective July 1, 2008.

Pursuant to the Appropriations Act, please find enclosed the fiscal impact assessment for the creation of each new circuit court and each new district court judgeship. The total cost for each new circuit court judgeship is \$254,454. The total cost for each new district court judgeship is \$231,753.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



Karl R. Hade

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Susan C. Schaar, Clerk
The Honorable Bruce F. Jamerson, Clerk
Mr. Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Staff
Mr. Michael R. Jay, House Appropriations Staff
Ms. Mary Kate Felch, Division of Legislative Services
Division of Legislative Automated Services

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 11/25/07

		<u>Circuit</u>
SALARY		\$155,033
RETIREMENT	43.01%	66,680
GROUP LIFE	1.00%	1,550
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.20%	1,860
FICA BASE	97,500 @7.65%	7,459
FICA (above cap)	57,533 @1.45%	834
HEALTH		12,420
DEF COMP MATCH		480
CLERK HIRE		1,500
PERSONAL COMPUTER		2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
CIRCUIT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE		3,844
FICA FOR SUB JUDGE		294
TOTAL		\$254,454

CIRCUIT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 19.2 DAYS @ \$200.00

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 11/25/07

		<u>District</u>
SALARY		\$139,538
RETIREMENT	43.01%	60,015
GROUP LIFE	1.00%	1,395
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.20%	1,674
FICA BASE	97,500 @7.65%	7,459
FICA (above cap)	42,038 @1.45%	610
HEALTH		12,420
Def. Comp Match		480
PERSONAL COMPUTER		2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
DISTRICT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE		5,260
Fica Sub Judge		402
TOTAL		\$231,753

DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 26.3 DAYS @ \$200.00